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**Initial Proposal
Tarkio Pines Timber Sale
1-12-2015**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcel:

Section 35 T15N R25W

This section is located approximately 14 miles east of Superior, Montana within the I-90 corridor. The proposed project would take place in that portion of Section 35 north of I-90.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Reduce current stocking levels to improve growth
- Maintain forest productivity
- Reduce the likelihood of tree mortality from fire
- Generate revenue for the Eastern College-MSU/Western College-U of M Trust

The proposal would harvest approximately .25 - .75 million board feet from approximately 160 acres using an individual tree selection harvest prescription. All of the acres proposed for treatment are suitable for ground-based logging. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222 MCA.

Road maintenance would be needed to access the project area. Approximately .75 miles of road maintenance would take place on existing roads within the section to improve function and drainage of the road surface and bring the roads up to BMP standards.

Noxious weed management may also occur under the proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by February 13, 2015 to:

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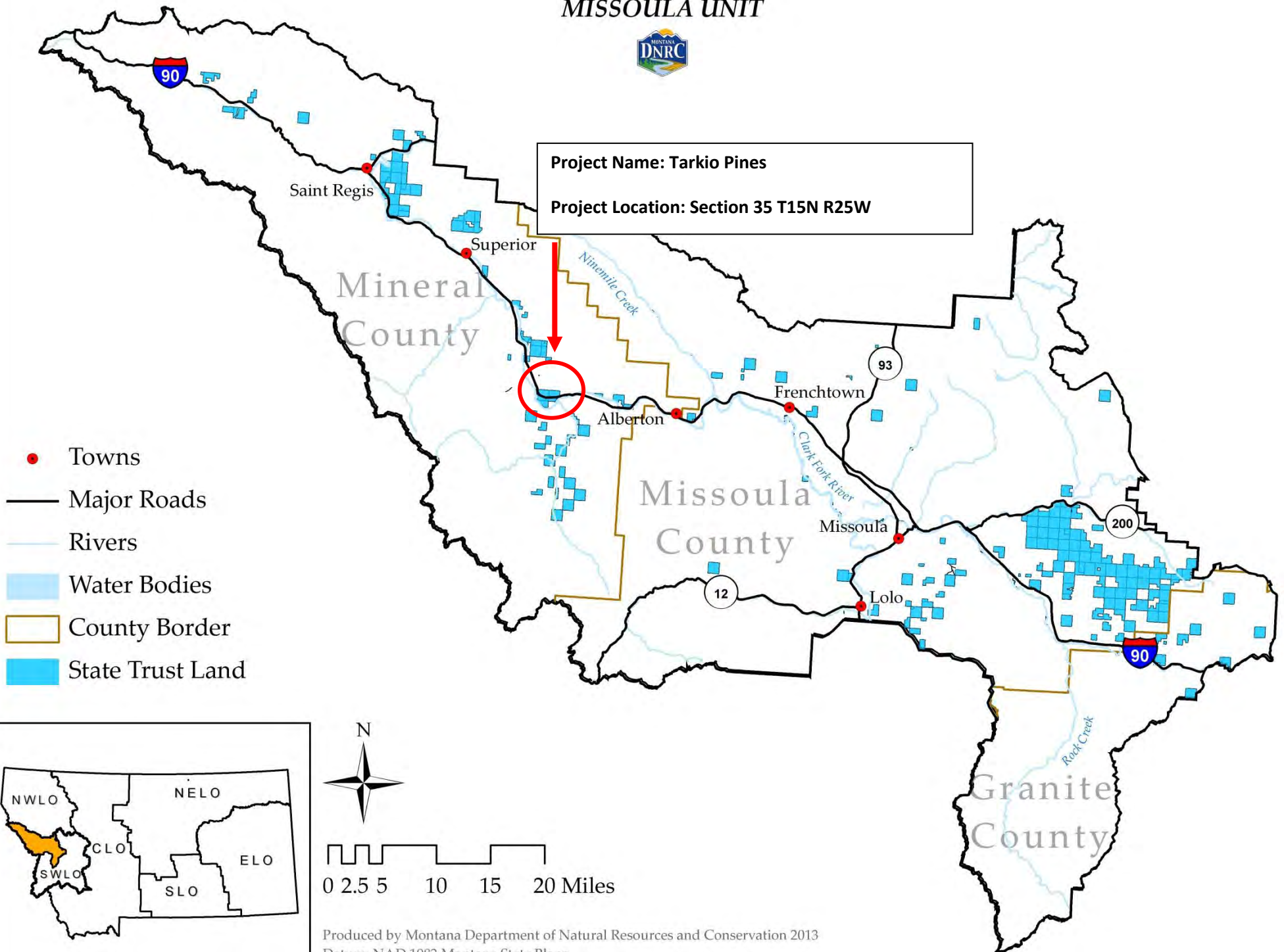
TARKIO PINES VICINITY MAP

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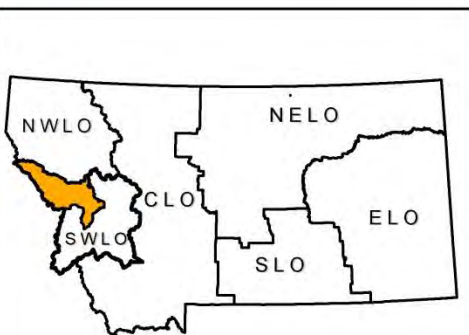


Project Name: Tarkio Pines

Project Location: Section 35 T15N R25W



- Towns
- Major Roads
- Rivers
- Water Bodies
- County Border
- State Trust Land

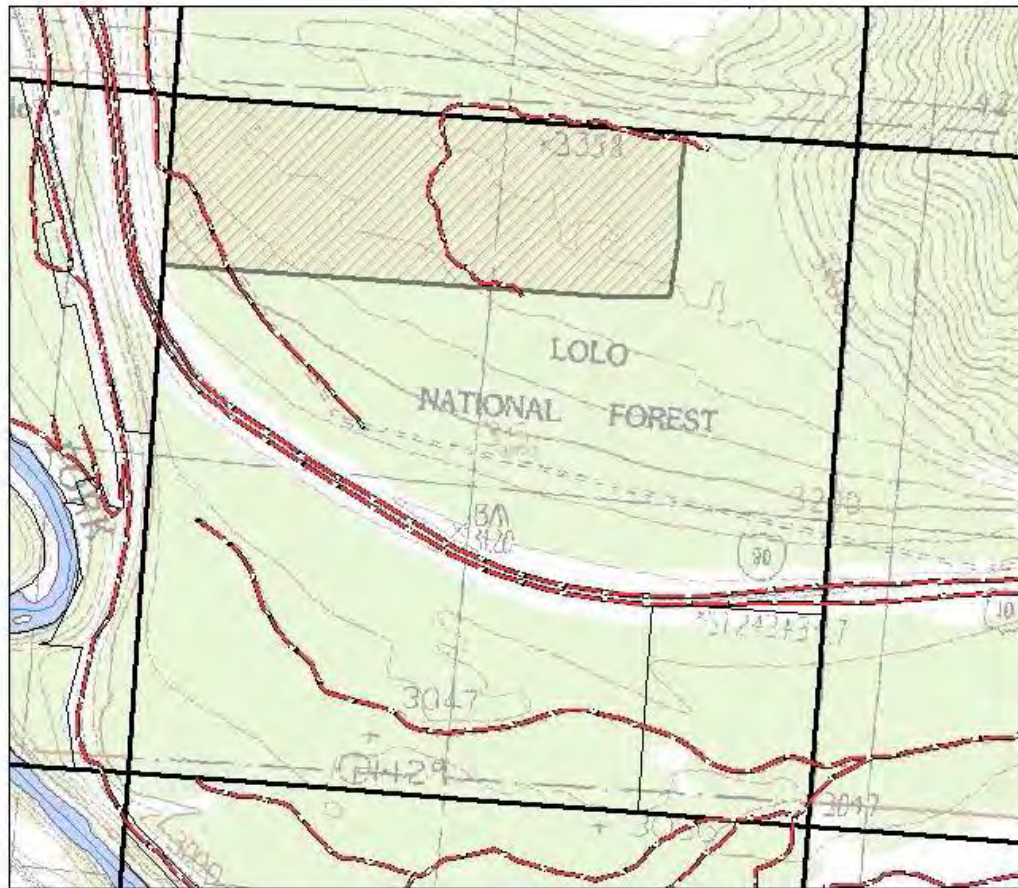


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 Project Area  ROADS
 Streams



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